



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

CIRCULAR N° SOL 062

EXTENSION OF THE PERIOD OF INSPECTION OF THE OUTSIDE OF THE SHIP'S BOTTOM OF CARGO SHIPS DUE TO THE UNAVAILABILITY OF DRY DOCK FACILITIES

SOLAS 74 AS AMENDED, REGULATION I/10 (a) (v)

TO: **SHIPOWNERS, SHIPS' OPERATORS AND
MANAGERS, MASTERS, FLAG STATE SURVEYORS
AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**

APPLICABLE TO: All ships

EFFECTIVE AS FROM: Date of this Circular

23rd June 2015

1. General

According to SOLAS 74 as amended, Regulation I/10 (a) (v), it is permitted for a period of five (5) years in which two (2) inspections of the ship's bottom were carried out, to obtain an extension not exceeding three (3) months. This extension can be permitted within a period of 36 months between the two inspections.

The extension may be given under exceptional circumstances.

"Exceptional circumstances" means:

- unavailability of dry-docking facilities;
- unavailability of repair facilities;
- unavailability of essential materials, equipment or spare parts; or
- delays incurred by an action taken to avoid severe weather conditions.

Extensions for Docking or Renewal Surveys should not be granted for commercial reasons.

2. Unavailability of dry dock or repair facilities

A request for an extension of a Docking or Renewal Survey Requests should first be addressed to the Recognized Organization which classed the vessel and issued the statutory certificates (RO) or another issuing body which issued the relevant certificate(s).

Shipowners, ships' operators and Managers should implement Circular GEN 001 "Application for an Exemption/Dispensation from an International Convention Requirement or Extension of a Statutory Survey Period under an International Convention" and forward the relevant form to the RO.

If unavailability of dry dock or repair facilities is the basis for the extension, the Application Form should be supported by documentation **from at least three (3) facilities contacted stating the unavailability, and a confirmed booking for the proposed dry dock.**

The RO will review the documentation and provide St Vincent and The Grenadines Maritime Administration with its comments.

The RO should clearly indicate their support or reservation of any aspect of the application, and if relevant, any recommendations or conditions that may be considered.